

line 6; before "biosludge" insert ---the---.
line 11; delete "thereof".
line 13; delete "more."
before "higher" insert ---a---.
line 14; after "reduction of" insert ---the---.
line 18; change "of the" to ---of---.
Page 71, line 4; before "reduction" insert ---the---.
line 5; change "under" to ---without---.
line 6; delete "exclusion of".
line 10; before "foaming" insert ---the---.
line 14; change "under" to ---without---.
line 15; delete "exclusion of".
line 17; change "foaming" to ---foam---.
line 23; after "having" insert ---a---.
line 27; change "foaming" to ---foam---.
line 28; change "foaming" (both occurrences)
to ---foam---.
Page 72, line 1; change "difficultly foamed up" to
---difficult to foam---.
line 2; change "foaming" to ---foam---.
change "difficultly maintained" to
---difficult to maintain---.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims:

a' 2. (Amended) A process according to Claim [1] 11, wherein the [ozone treatment] ozonizing step is [realized under adjustment of] performed at the pH [value at] of 5 or lower by an addition of a pH controlling agent.

3. (Amended) A process according to Claim [1] 11, wherein the process further [comprises, preceding] comprises, prior to the step of [ozone treatment] ozonizing, a step of acidogenesis [realized by subjecting] in which a part of the aerated aqueous

suspension in the aeration tank or [of] the separated sludge is subjected to an anaerobic biological treatment to adjust the pH thereof to [of the so-treated aqueous suspension or of the sludge at] a value of 5 or lower.

4. (Amended) A process according to Claim [1] 11, wherein the process further [comprises, preceding and/or following the step of ozone treatment,] comprises a step [(or each step)] of [heat treatment realized by] heating the aqueous suspension or the sludge [at] to a temperature between 50 and 100°C before or after the ozonizing step.

5. (Amended) A process according to Claim [1] 11, wherein [VSS/SS ratio of] the biosludge in the aeration tank [is] has a VSS/SS ratio maintained at a value of 0.2 - 0.7 and [the] a MLVSS value [thereof is] maintained [at a value] of 500 - 10000 mg/l.

Please cancel Claim 6 without prejudice.

Please add the following claim:

11. A process for aerobic biological treatment of an aqueous organic waste comprising the steps of:

introducing the aqueous organic waste into an aeration tank;
aerating the aqueous organic waste in the aeration tank in

the presence of a biosludge composed essentially of aerobic microorganisms to form an aerated aqueous suspension;

withdrawing aerated aqueous suspension from the aeration tank and introducing it into a solid/liquid separation unit;

subjecting the aerated aqueous suspension in the solid/liquid separation unit to solid/liquid separation to form a separated sludge containing the biosludge and a separated liquid phase;

withdrawing the separated liquid phase from the process as treated water;

recycling at least a portion of the separated sludge back to the aeration tank;